

Fox River in both Lake and McHenry Counties, Fox River Grove was the winter home of the Ojibwa Indians until the 1860s. In 1869, Frank Opatrny purchased 80 acres along the Fox River. In 1905, the Norge Ski Club purchased land in Fox River Grove and erected a ski jump and in the 1950s the site was host to America's first international ski-jumping contest. Today, the Norge Ski Club is the oldest, continuously open ski club in the United States. Since incorporation in 1919, Fox River Grove has grown from a ski destination to a year-round residential community.

Madam Speaker, the Village of Fox River Grove is unique in its history and adds to the vibrant community of the Eighth District of Illinois. I thank all the past leaders of the Village of Fox River Grove for their dedication to public service; their community would not have reached this milestone without their hard work and commitment. I congratulate Fox River Grove for reaching their 90th anniversary and I wish them continued success in the future.

WALL STREET REFORM AND CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT OF 2009

SPEECH OF

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 9, 2009

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4173) to provide for financial regulatory reform, to protect consumers and investors, to enhance Federal understanding of insurance issues, to regulate the over-the-counter derivatives markets, and for other purposes:

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Madam Chair, I rise in support of the Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2009 and the comprehensive approach it takes to reining in systemic risk, curbing excessive speculation and restoring transparency, accountability and oversight to our financial system.

In the wake of the worst financial crisis since the Great Depression, the Democratic majority has launched a series of deliberate and wide-ranging initiatives to stem that crisis—and those initiatives are clearly working.

Our economy is no longer in free fall. Markets are sharply up. Foreclosures are starting to come down. The vicious spiral of job destruction we inherited from the past Administration is now slowing.

We know we are headed in the right direction—but we also know there is more work to do. We will not stop until our economy has fully recovered, there is a good-paying job for every American who wants one, and we have launched a new era of broadly shared American prosperity.

This legislation represents the next step on our nation's road back to recovery. To make sure we never have another AIG, this bill establishes a Financial Stability Council charged with the exclusive mission of identifying and regulating systemic risk. In the future, a Systemic Dissolution Fund will be able to safely wind down failing firms so that taxpayers aren't left holding the bag. To protect consumers, today's legislation creates a new Consumer Financial Protection Agency to police our markets for abusive financial products and

services. We are bringing transparency and oversight to our derivatives markets. Investors will get a better shake, credit rating agencies will face reforms and shareholders will get a "say on pay."

I want to commend Chairman FRANK, Chairman PETERSON and their staffs for their hard work on this legislation. I urge my colleagues' support.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 14, 2009

Mr. DUNCAN. Madam Speaker, consistent with House Republican Earmark Standards, I am submitting the following earmark disclosure information for project requests that I made and which were included within H.R. 3288, the "Consolidated Appropriations Act for FY2010."

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN DUNCAN

Account: OJP—Juvenile Justice

Project Amount: \$250,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Childhelp of East Tennessee, 2505 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, Tennessee 37919

Description of Request: The funding would assist Childhelp in expanding its services to more children in Knox County and the surrounding region who have suffered abuse. Specifically, the Children Center of East Tennessee will expand its forensic interview capacity and related services to more Knox County children who have, in the past, been turned away, as well as its community based forensic interview and medical examination services.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE VILLAGE OF LAKE BARRINGTON

HON. MELISSA L. BEAN

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 14, 2009

Ms. BEAN. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the Village of Lake Barrington, a town in my district celebrating a milestone anniversary this year. This community has made a unique contribution to the district I represent, and to the State of Illinois.

The Village of Lake Barrington is celebrating its 50-year anniversary. Believed to be first populated by the Potowanami Indians, recent discovery of burial grounds suggest an established Native American presence in the Lake Barrington area. Lake Barrington remained rural and minimally populated until the 20th century when Chicago businessmen began turning the farms into estates. Incorporated in 1959, local residents voted Jorgen Hubschman as the first village president. Lake Barrington has grown over the past 50 years from a community of just 200 residents to a village of 5,000. Recently, the Village of Lake Barrington established a Tree Preservation Code and is currently recognized by the Arbor Day Foundation as a "Tree City U.S.A." community. Though the village has grown, Lake

Barrington has sought to preserve its scenic charm that continues to make the village an attractive place to live.

Madam Speaker, the Village of Lake Barrington is unique in its history and adds greatly to the vibrant community of the Eighth District of Illinois. I thank all the past leaders of the Village of Lake Barrington for their dedication to public service; their community would not have reached this milestone without their hard work and commitment. I congratulate Lake Barrington for reaching their 50th anniversary and I wish them continued success in the future.

NATIONAL PRADER-WILLI SYNDROME AWARENESS

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 8, 2009

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today in support of H. Res. 55, "Expressing support for the designation of a National Prader-Willi Syndrome Awareness Month to raise awareness of and promote research into this challenging disorder." I would like thank my colleague, Rep. EDWARD ROYCE, for introducing this act of solidarity, as well as the co-sponsors.

Prader-Willi syndrome is a complex genetic disorder that occurs in approximately 1 out of every 15,000 births, and is the most commonly known genetic cause of life-threatening obesity.

It affects males and females with equal frequency and affects all races and ethnicities, causing an extreme and insatiable appetite, often resulting in morbid obesity, which is the major cause of death for individuals with the syndrome. The syndrome also causes cognitive and learning disabilities, and behavioral difficulties, such as obsessive-compulsive disorder and difficulty controlling emotions.

The hunger, metabolic, and behavioral characteristics of Prader-Willi syndrome force affected individuals to require constant and lifelong supervision in a controlled environment; Studies have shown that there is a high morbidity and mortality rate for individuals with Prader-Willi syndrome, and there is no known cure.

Early diagnosis allows families to access treatment, intervention services, and support from health professionals, advocacy organizations, and other families who are dealing with the syndrome. Recently discovered treatments, such as human growth hormone, are improving the quality of life for individuals with the syndrome and offer new hope to families, but many difficult symptoms associated with Prader-Willi syndrome remain untreated.

Increased research into this disease can lead to a better understanding of the disorder, more effective treatments, and an eventual cure for Prader-Willi syndrome, and is likely to improve our understanding of common public health concerns, including childhood obesity and mental health.

That is why I join this body in supporting raised awareness and educating the public about Prader-Willi syndrome. I also join in applauding the efforts of advocates and organizations that encourage awareness, promote